



## **AGENDA REPORT**

### **City Council Meeting**

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**TODAY'S DATE:** June 9, 2026

**MEETING DATE:** June 17, 2026

**TO:** MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Holly Ellis, Public Works Director

**SUBJECT:** Construction Contract Award to Vortex Services for the 2025 CIPP Project

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Sandpoint identified two failed utility mains requiring priority repair: a sanitary sewer main under Olive Avenue and a storm drain main at Farmin Stidwell Elementary School, located at 1626 Spruce Street. These improvements were not included in the original work plan for the year; however, they were advanced due to observed pipe failures, sinkholes, and associated public safety concerns.

The project was designed by the City's consultant, Century West Engineering, and bid as the City of Sandpoint 2025 Cured-in-Place Pipe (CIPP) Project. CIPP is a trenchless rehabilitation method that allows failed pipe to be structurally rehabilitated without full open-cut replacement, reducing excavation, surface disruption, restoration needs, and impacts to the public.

The project includes installation of approximately 713 linear feet of 21-inch CIPP sanitary sewer main and 2,524 linear feet of 24-inch CIPP storm drain main. The work also includes mainline cleaning, CCTV inspection, bypass pumping, testing, service reinstatements if needed, traffic control, and related restoration. CIPP may be installed using either UV-cured or thermally cured methods, in accordance with the contract documents.

On Thursday, May 7, 2026, the project, Bid No. 26-3400-1, was bid in accordance with Idaho Code 67-2805(2), Category A and the City of Sandpoint procurement requirements. Bids were opened on June 2, 2026. A total of five bids were received. After evaluation of bids, Vortex Services, LLC., based in Helena, MT, was determined to be the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder. A summary of the bid results is attached.

If awarded, work at Farmin Stidwell Elementary will be completed before school is back in session. The City will notify adjacent residents upon approval of the Contractor's schedule and prior to commencement of the project. Local access to private properties will be maintained at all times.

#### **REQUESTED ACTION:**

Staff recommends contract award to Vortex Services, LLC in the total amount of \$525,995.00 for the 2025 CIPP project.

#### **ACTION:**

Move to award contract award to Vortex Services, LLC in the total amount of \$525,995.00 for the 2025 CIPP project.

**WILL THERE BE ANY FINANCIAL IMPACT?** Yes **HAS THIS ITEM BEEN BUDGETED?** Yes; within FY26 budget

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Proposed Resolution
2. Bid Summary - 2025 CIPP Project
3. Contract Documents - 2025 CIPP Projects